the idea of having such a law. Most of the States are in favour of such a legislation though they have expressed apprehensions about possible misuse of various provisions of the Bill under consideration, including violation of human rights. The National Human Rights Commission (NHRC) has opined that there was no need to enact such a law.

The Government would take into account the views/comments of the State Governments as well as the NHRC, which are now available, and so modify the Bill that it harmonizes, to the extent possible, the safeguards for civil liberties with security imperatives. The Government would also hold consultations with political parties, other interest groups, etc. before taking a final view in the matter.

Home Guard Battalions

†*538. SHRIMATI KUM KUM RAI : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) the number of men and women Home Guard Battalions separately in the country ;

(b) whether the number of women Home Guard Battalions is insufficient in the country ;

(c) if so, the reasons therefor;

(d) whether Government intend to introduce special recruitment drive in order to promote women Home Guard Battalions; and

(e) if so, by when and if not, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I. D. SWAMI) : (a) to (c) There are no separate men and women Home Guard Battalions in the country. However, State Governments/UT Administrations have been advised to determine the strength of women Home Guards within the overall target strength allotted to them. The present strength of women Home Guards in the country is 19467 against the overall raised strength of 490186 Home Guards.

(d) and (e) Being a state subject, it is for the State Governments/U.T Administrations concerned to encourage enrolment of women Home Guards.

Power shortage in Rajasthan

*539. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA : Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is a shortage of power in the State of Rajasthan;

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the State of Rajasthan has been denied due share in power sector; and

(d) if so, the details of new schemes proposed for Rajasthan for improvement in voltage and production of power ?

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI SURESH PRABHU) : (a) and (b) The energy and peak power shortages prevailing in Rajasthan during the current financial year is marginal and the State is by and large comfortable in regard to power supply position. The details of power supply position prevailing in the State of Rajasthan during the period April-July, 2001 is given below :

Energy (Million Units)			Peak (MW)
Requirement	7395	Demand	3450
Availability	7306	Met	3286
Shortage	89	Deficit	164
%	1.2	%	4.8

(c) and (d) Rajasthan has shares from the various central-generating stations in the Northern Region and the State has availed its share fully as per allocation. The share of Rajasthan in the various central sector generating stations is given below :

Stations	Installed Capacity (MW)	Allocation to Rajasthan	
		(MW)	%
1	2	3	4
Singrauli STPS (UP)	2000	300	15.0
Rihand STPS (UP)	1000	95	9.5
Unchahar TPS (UP)	840	58	6.9
Anta GPS (Rajasthan)	419	83	19.8
Auraiya GPP (UP)	663	61	9.2
Dadri GPP (UP)	830	146*	17.6
NAPS (UP)	440	44	10
Salal I & II (J & K)	690	20	2.9

1	2	3	4
Tanakpur HEP (UP)	94	9	9.6
Chamera HEP (HP)	540	135*	25
Uri HEP (J & K)	480	43	9.0
RAPS Unit I & II	300	300	100.0
RAPS Unit-III	220	187	85.0
RAPS Unit-IV	220	81.5 MW from 1900 to 2300 Hrs and 163 MW during remaining hours of the day till 15-9-2001	37.1 to 74.18%
TOTAL :	8736	1562.5 to 1644	17.89 to 18.82

*Includes 69 MW additional assistance from Dadri GPP and 89 MW from Chamera HPS over and above the firm share of Rajasthan from these stations.

As per the latest assessment given by the State, a total of 9 power projects with capacity of 1415 MW in the State Sector and 416 MW in the Private Sector in Rajasthan have been identified for the 10th Plan. During the 11th Plan, private sector capacity addition of 725 MW and state sector capacity addition of 500 MW have been tentatively identified. A capacity of 7790 MW and 5101 MW is tentatively envisaged to be added in the Central Sector in Northern Region during 10th and 11th Plan period, respectively from which Rajasthan would also get its due share.

The voltage profile in the State of Rajasthan is satisfactory by and large. As against additional requirement of 943 MVAR capacitors in Rajasthan for the year 2001-02, installation of 924 MVAR has been planned for maintenance of voltage levels within permissible limits.

Return of Shri Jagjit Singh to India

*540. SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH :
SHRI P. PRABHAKAR REDDY :

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) The reaction of Union Government to the return to India after 21 years of self-exile of Shri Jagjit Singh Chauhan, a protagonist of Khalistan and militancy;